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HOUSE BILL 2565

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By Representatives Zellinsky and Mielke

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1            AN ACT Relating to load regulations for ready-mix mixer trucks;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 46.44 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5            (1) Washington is the only state among the thirty-three states  
6 recognizing the federal bridge axle formula to require the activation  
7 switch for a retractable axle on a ready-mix mixer truck to be located  
8 out of reach of the driver's compartment;

9            (2) Retractable axles can only be operated in a fully up or fully  
10 down position and the variable control to adjust axle loadings is  
11 always located out of reach of the driver's compartment;

12            (3) Modern safety standards require that the driver remain in the  
13 vehicle and operate the mixer from inside the driver's compartment  
14 whenever possible.

15            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.44 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17            The department of transportation and local authorities may not  
18 adopt regulations requiring that a retractable axle up/down activation

1 switch for a ready-mix mixer truck be located out of reach of the  
2 driver's compartment so long as any variable control used to adjust  
3 axle loadings by regulating air pressure or by other means is out of  
4 reach of the driver's compartment.

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